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# Letter from the Director:



Parks are essential to thriving communities because they foster active lifestyles, forge social connections, and preserve natural resources. As one of 422 sites managed by Montgomery Parks, Brookside Gardens serves the community in a unique way: as a living museum with a carefully curated collection of plants arranged in beautiful landscape displays. While most of our guests come to learn about and enjoy plants, a growing number of folks find themselves drawn to the beauty of the Gardens as a site to gather with friends and family, enjoy shared activities, and make lifelong memories. Sometimes, it is simply a

national holiday like Mother's Day that brings families together to celebrate the important women in their lives. Other times, it's a free concert that encourages toe-tapping dance and joyful sing-alongs. Or it can be a deeply personal event, like an engagement, wedding, anniversary, or celebration of life that is enriched by the Gardens' splendor. Whatever the reason, the impact of Brookside Gardens goes far beyond beauty. It serves the needs of individuals and communities to find common ground, build new relationships over shared interests, and celebrate the wonders of gardens and nature.

Because Brookside Gardens is a friendly place, it's easy to strike up a conversation with one of our guests. I'm always curious to hear why they visit. "Because it's my favorite place" is often the answer. But the why may be different: to relax after work; to walk with my group of friends; to photograph the migrating warblers; because it's our anniversary; because I'm the chaperone for my kid's school field trip; because I'm scouting out a site for my wedding. Sometimes I marvel at how elastic the Garden can be, adapting to a wide variety of needs and demands simultaneously, but always settling back to the Brookside Gardens we know and love: green, serene, beautiful, and welcoming.

Happy Gardening!

**Stephanie Oberle**, *Director*



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## Staff Updates



**Angelus Bullock** was recently promoted as the new Greenhouse Manager at Brookside Gardens! With a seasoned background in cultivation, Angelus fine-tuned his skills as a cultivation tech in the cannabis industry, harnessing a profound understanding of climate-controlled environments. This expertise birthed ANG Farms, a distinguished venture specializing in hydroponically grown leafy greens and herbs. Over the

last two years, Angelus has spearheaded research and development, culminating in a distinctive blend of microgreens boasting an unparalleled flavor profile.



**Ashia Bunkley** earned a bachelor's degree in environmental horticulture from the University of Maryland, College Park. She graduated in December of 2021 and moved right into the industry as a nursery/garden center associate at her local nursery for almost two years. Ashia secured an internship for the summer of 2023 with Brookside Gardens to gain more valuable experience, and knowledge and skills related to the industry.

During the internship, she was able to network and make lifetime connections with people that can aid in her advancement in the industry. After the internship came to a close, Ashia started part time position at Pope Farm as a part of their horticulture service team. Now, Ashia is settling into her position back with Brookside Gardens' production team as their newest Assistant Greenhouse Technician.



Brookside Gardens is excited to welcome **Raymond Carter** as the new Conservatory Manager. Raymond is a graduate of the accredited Professional Horticulture program at Longwood Gardens in Kennett Square, PA, where he also worked for four years in the tropical display houses. During an internship with the Royal Botanic Gardens in Edinburgh, Scotland, he was trained in collections management and

conservation of critically endangered species. In addition, he worked and trained at Mt. Cuba Center in Hockessin, DE. He taught courses on topics such as propagation, plant identification, evolutionary adaptation, and design. Ecology, plant pathology, and greenhouse management are other areas of expertise. For the past two years, his passion and knowledge were put to good use in revitalizing the unique Ladew Topiary Gardens, a historic public garden in Monkton, MD.



**Matt Leifer** is the new Special Events and Visitor Center Manager at Brookside Gardens. An Ohio native, he started his career at the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland blowing things up, playing with liquid nitrogen and electrocuting visitors. After more than 10 years at the Science Center, he moved to Washington, DC, to join the visitor services leadership team at the Newseum. After the Newseum's

closure in 2019, he joined the Military Women's Memorial, located in Arlington National Cemetery, as Director of Visitor Experience and Programs where he supervised the special events team, gift shop team, education and programs team, and volunteers. Most recently, he served as Deputy Chief of the Visitor Engagement Office at the Library of Congress. Matt holds a BA in media studies from Penn State and an MA in museum studies and nonprofit management from Johns Hopkins University. When not working, he enjoys exploring museums, traveling, and cruising. He's excited to embark on the largest cruise ship in the world, Icon of the Seas, this December!



# Brookside Gardens Director Receives ASLA Award

Every year, the Maryland Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects presents a number of projects and individual awards to celebrate Landscape Architecture in the state of Maryland. One of those awards, the Spencer Ellis Award, is given annually to a person, program, or organization that has made a significant contribution to the preservation and conservation of the local environment in Maryland. This annual award bears the name of Spencer P. Ellis, who's career in landscape architecture included work at the Dept. of Natural Resources, MD State Forests and Parks, the Federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and Program Open Space.

Stephanie Oberle, Director of Brookside Gardens was selected by the Maryland Chapter's Executive Committee to receive the 2024 Spencer Ellis Award for her visionary and impactful leadership at Brookside Gardens for more than 15 years. Congratulations, Stephanie!



**Jack Sullivan, Associate Professor of Landscape Architecture, University of Maryland; Stephanie Oberle, Brookside Gardens Director; Sarah Trautvetter, President, ASLA-Maryland**







## Summer 2024 Interns



**Kelsey Genovese** will be a senior this fall at the University of Maryland in College Park. She is studying Environmental Science and Technology with a concentration in soil science and is pursuing a dual degree in creative writing. She previously worked at the USDA Agricultural Research Center in Beltsville, and she is excited to be at Brookside this summer. Her research project at Brookside is on the design of the compost operation, including testing and turning the compost and expanding the design. She has enjoyed rotating through the outdoor gardens, the greenhouse, and the conservatory and learning about planting, propagation, and plant ID. She looks forward to using what she has learned for future academic and career experiences.



**Maia Medina** recently graduated with a degree in Landscape Architecture from the University of Massachusetts, Amherst. Growing up in the suburbs, Maia learned firsthand the importance of green spaces in the urban environment. Her time spent as a Community Planning Fellow reiterated the need for environmental equity in urban settings. With a passion for creating a sustainable environment where human and non-human species can coexist, she aims to design dynamic spaces that encompass ecological sustainability. With a focus on planting design, Maia hopes to reconnect and enhance people's relationships with the natural environment. As for the future, she is interested in a master's degree in horticulture or ecological restoration and strives to work in a non-traditional landscape design setting.



**Eashana Subramanian** is a junior at the University of Maryland double majoring in Landscape Architecture and Urban Forestry. She is interested in sustainable design and urban agricultural practices and hopes to one day design landscapes to mitigate the climate crisis. In her free time, she loves to cook, crochet, collect plants, and do anything outdoors. She has already learned so much and had the opportunity to do so many cool things at Brookside, and she can't wait to keep learning more!



**Auran Zaman** is currently studying in the Master of Landscape Architecture program at the University of Maryland – College Park. He earned his undergraduate degree in Environmental Studies with a minor in Geography at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. He is passionate about nature, particularly birds and, of course, plants! He hopes to work in environmental/urban design to create sustainable and regenerative spaces.

# In the Gardens...

## New Native Azalea Garden

Our beloved native *Rhododendron* can be found on the top of rocky hillsides, upland forests, along streams, and even in swamps. Their beautiful flowers light up the landscape in late spring, and many are also fragrant, attracting pollinators such as bumblebees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Brookside Gardens recently transformed a small, wooded area below the Parking Garden into a Native Azalea Garden, showcasing these fabulous plants, representing many azalea species native to the United States and adding to our diverse plant collection. Follow the winding trail across a dry stream bed while enjoying the local ecotype native perennials that were propagated and grown by Montgomery Parks' Pope Farm Nursery. This small, but exciting project provides a wonderful new garden feature and was made possible by a generous donation from the Friends of Brookside Gardens.

**Christopher Elenstar**, *Assistant Director of Horticulture*

## Bog Garden

Carnivorous plants like pitcher plants (*Sarracenia* spp.), sundews (*Drosera* spp.), and of course, Venus flytraps (*Dionaea muscipula*) are some of the most interesting members of the plant kingdom. They all need very wet, acidic, low nitrogen conditions, so growing them requires either a natural or constructed bog. When we looked for a location to construct our bog here at Brookside Gardens, a few areas seemed promising. We eventually modified the sunniest low spot by excavating an additional 3 feet then added a liner to hold water.

Bog plants evolved in these low nutrient environments and cannot tolerate the dissolved minerals in tap water. For our bog, we use rainwater from our cistern. Originally, our constructed bog was connected to a valve and drain line to control the cycling of water through the system. Recurring technical issues made us revert to a simpler design that so far has required less observation and maintenance.

The growing medium is a mix of 50% coarse sand and 50% peat moss. Our goal is to establish a colony of pitcher plants, but

we are also experimenting with cultivating a few bog orchids (e.g., *Cypripedium acaule*, *Galearis spectabilis*, *Habenaria repens*, *Platanthera ciliaris*)

To learn more about bogs, please visit **Suitland Bog** here in Maryland, **Dolly Sods Wilderness** in West Virginia or **The Joseph Pines Preserve** in southern Virginia. These organizations are engaged in an ongoing effort to preserve these important, natural wetland areas.

## Idea Garden

This year we've added a fun, educational component to our Idea Garden (previously known as the Trial Garden). Each of the six display beds are designated to focus on one plant family: *Euphorbiaceae*, *Asteraceae*, *Amaranthaceae*, *Solanaceae*, *Lamiaceae* and *Malvaceae*. They exhibit the variation within families but also highlight their similarities to help with identification. Enjoy the colors and textures, then explore the botanical significance of the various flower shapes.

**Thomas Crawley**, *Horticulturist I*







## Access and Information as a Form of Accessibility

Being a part of Brookside Gardens' year-long fellowship on accessibility, as the Community Outreach Fellow, has given me the unique opportunity to think of various initiatives, practices, and tools that could be helpful for individuals with disabilities. By attending outside organizations' inclusive programming events, meeting with their Accessibility Offices, and working with Program Access (a section of Montgomery Parks that ensures inclusivity at Parks' events and physical spaces), I've learned a lot about access and inclusion.

Addressing concerns related to accessibility can seem insurmountable, but a common piece of advice I received on multiple occasions from different Accessibility Coordinators, and even my supervisor, Kevin Stewart, the Volunteer Program Manager, is to address smaller more unconventional issues with accessibility first. This advice led to the idea of creating a separate page for accessibility on Brookside Gardens' website ([MoCoParks.org/BG-Accessibility](https://MoCoParks.org/BG-Accessibility)).

The page is organized in two sections. The first part provides information on Brookside Garden's physical environment, such as the availability and location of accessible parking, restrooms, and entrances. The second part focuses on the adaptive equipment (EnChroma Color Blind Sunglasses, wheelchairs, and binoculars, etc.) available to borrow at the Visitor Center.

Creation of the accessibility page was a collective effort; I received very helpful feedback from staff, such as Kevin; Elissa Totin, Assistant Director of Guest Experiences; and Lisa Herman, the ADA Web Manager, who finalized the page's design and ensured it follows ADA Web standards. The accessibility page is up and functional and includes a survey; check it out and provide some much-appreciated feedback!

It can be difficult to plan a trip without access to basic information about the destination. The goal of the accessibility page is to make information readily available, allowing individuals the ability to make informed decisions and plan accordingly, especially if they have a disability, or need an accommodation.

The accessibility page is only scratching the surface; there are other accessible pre-visit planning tools, like narrative stories, introductory videos, and more that Brookside Gardens can explore in the future. Accessibility and inclusion are an on-going endeavor, and this is just the beginning!

Mary Joy Mulumba  
*Community Outreach Fellow*



# Thank You Donors!

The Montgomery Parks Foundation and the Friends of Brookside Gardens would like to thank all the generous donors to Brookside Gardens from December 15, 2023 – June 1, 2024. Your gifts have been invaluable in providing resources, programming, and additional support to the Gardens. To learn more about making a donation to support Brookside Gardens, please visit [MontgomeryParksFoundation.org/donate-now/](http://MontgomeryParksFoundation.org/donate-now/) or [FriendsOfBrooksideGardens.org](http://FriendsOfBrooksideGardens.org)

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### **V \* GreenScapes Symposium**

*Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens*

**Friday | February 14 | 9:00 am – 4:00 pm**

**#PBG0057 400001**

**Early Bird Fee expires Friday, January 10: \$50**

**Regular Fee starts Saturday, January 11: \$60**

Offered as a series of live online lectures with audience Q&A incorporated into the program. All lectures will be recorded and made available for online viewing.

The GreenScapes Symposium is an annual program organized by Brookside Gardens since 2004. The symposium will highlight the intersection of horticulture and environmental issues. Environmental stewardship is a core value of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Brookside Gardens' parent organization. As such, we strive to provide timely information and viable solutions to environmental challenges.

#### **Poetry & Music Open Mic**

**Saturday | August 24 | 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**FREE**

**No registration required**

**Auditorium**

Music! Prose! Spoken Word! Come out to Brookside Gardens' Open Mic that highlights writers, poets, and musicians with disabilities, and other artists from the local community.

#### **Fall Vendor Showcase**

**Sunday | November 17 | 11:00 am – 2:00 pm**

**FREE | #PBG0080-300002**

**Registration Required**

Planning your dream wedding or family celebration? Come see why Brookside Gardens will be your last stop. Get a tour of the different garden spaces, talk to staff, learn about the different packages all while meeting local professionals and vendors. Enjoy samples from caterers, meet local photographers, sign up for vendor discounts, and enter the door prize raffle. Pre-registrants will receive a Swag Bag upon arrival (one per couple/family) including a free bonus raffle ticket!

#### **We Speak Weddings**

**Saturday | February 22 | 10:30 am – 1:00 pm**

**\$10 | Ages 18+ | #PBG0081-400002**

**Registration required**

**Visitor Center**

Kick-start your wedding planning this winter with Brookside Gardens! Let our experts help you plan your big day. From creating your budget to selecting the right vendors, we'll guide you through this fun and exciting process with helpful tips and tricks gathered from our years of experience hosting unique and beautiful weddings. Fee includes a continental breakfast and packet of information to take home.

### **Fall Twilight Concert Series**

**Wednesdays in September | 6:00 – 7:30 pm**

**FREE | No registration required**

**Visitor Center Lawn**

Dance the night away with this series of musical performances set in the beauty of the Gardens! Bring your friends and family, and don't forget your chairs, blankets, and picnics (allowed in the Gardens on concert evenings only). Alcoholic beverages of any kind are prohibited. Food trucks will also be available for your dining pleasure.

#### **Kiti Gartner & the Drifting Valentines**

*Rockabilly/Classic Country/Western Swing*

**September 4**

#### **YötRöx**

*70's & 80's Rock Hits*

**September 11**

#### **David Bach Consort**

*World Contemporary/Jazz*

**September 18**

#### **René Ibañez & Cubano Groove**

*Latin/Cuban*

**September 25**



## Fall & Winter Conservatory Displays

### Autumn Display

When the chilly autumn temperatures arrive, most flowers begin to wither, however this is when the Chrysanthemum explodes into a profusion of bold blooms that capture the imagination. This unique bloom time in the face of harsh conditions makes the Chrysanthemum a symbol of vitality and tenacity. Traditionally revered in Chinese culture, and commonly featured in celebrations of the Lunar New Year, we are growing a specialty Chrysanthemum form this year to celebrate the Year of the Dragon, along with an extraordinary array of cultivars that are demonstrative of the versatility these wonderful plants possess!

### South Conservatory:

Saturday, September 28 – Sunday, November 3

### North Conservatory:

Saturday, September 21 – Sunday, December 1

### South Conservatory Winter Display

All Aboard! In partnership with the Washington Virginia Maryland Garden Railway Society, the Garden Railway Exhibit will return this Winter with model trains traversing tracks between iconic buildings, bridges, and miniature landscapes of Montgomery County.

Come and see if you can recognize all the landmarks! This splendid family tradition will be amplified by the backdrop of a magical indoor woodland.

Saturday, November 30 – Saturday, January 4

## Plant Society Shows & Sales

### National Cactus & Succulent Society Cactus and Succulent Show and Sale

Saturday | August 3 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

### Friends of Brookside Gardens Plant Sale

Saturday | September 14 | 8:00 – 10:00 am  
(FOBG Members Only)

10:00 am – 4:00 pm\* (General Public)

\*Until sold out

### National Capital Dahlia Society Dahlia Show and Sale

Show: Saturday | September 28 | 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Sunday | September 29 | 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Sale: Sunday | September 29 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm

### Mycological Association of Washington Mushroom Fair

Sunday | October 13 | 12:00 – 5:00 pm

### Washington Gardener Magazine Seed Exchange

Saturday | January 25 | 12:30 – 4:00 pm

## Camelia Society of the Potomac Valley Camelia Show and Sale

Show: Saturday | March 29 | 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Sale: Saturday | March 29 | 10:00 am – 4:00 pm

## Art Exhibits\*

Brookside Gardens Visitor Center  
See inside front cover for hours.

### Pamela Jaffe | Pastels and Oils Holly Buehler & Pamela Betts Oil Painting

Sandra Cane | Oil Painting  
August 12 – September 15

### Janet Kobler | Landscape Oils Composite Fine Art Photographers | Photo Montage

September 16 – October 20

### GUILD Pate' Painters | Acrylic, Oils, Watercolor, Collage

October 21 – November 24

### Dawit Meqatu & Samuel Kidane & Friends Nature Photography

November 25 – January 19

\*Visit [BrooksideGardens.org](http://BrooksideGardens.org) under *Special Events* for updates on art receptions!





## VIRTUAL, LIVE CLASSES

**V** This symbol indicates classes that are offered virtually as live, online webinars through the Zoom platform with audience Q & A. After registering, a link will be emailed to you 24 hours prior to the live webinar. Recordings will be made available to students. Please ensure your Active Montgomery account is updated with your correct email address.

## FRIENDS OF BROOKSIDE GARDENS (FOBG) DISCOUNTS

Look for special FOBG program pricing on many adult classes for members of the Friends of Brookside Gardens, a nonprofit organization established to support the mission of the Gardens. For information about joining the Friends of Brookside Gardens, visit [www.FriendsofBrooksideGardens.org](http://www.FriendsofBrooksideGardens.org) or call 301-962-1400 to request a brochure.

## SPECIAL FOCUS TRACKS

Look for the following symbols highlighting specific tracks designed to offer more in-depth educational opportunities:

- \* **Sustainability Programs** – a focus on making our homes and gardens “greener.”
- ✿ **Gardener’s Focus** – for experienced gardeners who want to increase their knowledge through advanced cultivation and management techniques.
- ◆ **Landscape Design** – for those wishing to develop skills to compose beautiful and functional garden spaces through the artful juxtaposition of plants and hardscape elements.

## Speaker Series

*Sponsored by Friends of Brookside Gardens*

**FREE | Registration required**

Each year Brookside Gardens welcomes nationally and internationally known horticulturists, botanists, authors, and speakers to explore a wide range of topics.

### **V◆ Heaven is a Garden – Serenity by Design**

**Wednesday | October 30 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**FREE | #PBG0155 300001**

*Jan Johnsen, author and landscape designer*

Drawing on ancient traditions and contemporary horticultural practices, Jan reveals design strategies for creating serenity and relaxation in the landscape. Enjoy this journey of stunning garden visuals while learning new concepts like how to identify a “power spot” in your garden, the importance of cardinal directions, and how forms and shapes affect our sense of well-being. Plant list provided.

### **V The Plant Messiah: Adventures in Search of the World’s Rarest Species**

**Saturday | December 7 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
**FREE | #PBG0163 400001**

*Carlos Magdalena, Tropical Senior Botanical Horticulturist at the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew and author of “The Plant Messiah”*

Enjoy tales of adventure from the Amazon to the jungles of Mauritius to the Australian Outback in search of rare and vulnerable plants. Discover groundbreaking lab techniques for rescuing species from extinction, encouraging them to propagate and thrive. You will appreciate plant diversity in a new light through stories about the secrets these incredible organisms contain.

### **V Soil: The Story of a Black Mother’s Garden**

**Wednesday | February 5 | 7:00 – 8:15 pm**  
**FREE | #PBG0161 400001**

*Camille Dungy, poet and author*

Camille recounts the seven-year odyssey to diversify her garden through the lens of being a Black mother living in a predominately

white community. Through the metaphor of converting her garden from a monoculture lawn to a native prairie, she reveals how cultivating diverse perspectives in our national discourse about the environment is the best means of protecting it.

## Local Field Trips

**Registration required**

**Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.**

### **Hoyles Mill Conservation Park Walking Tour**

**Tuesday | September 17 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
**\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0160 300001**

**Meet at Hoyles Mill Conservation Park**

*Ryan Colliton, vegetation ecology & management unit leader, Montgomery Parks*  
Learn about the unique geological makeup of this park resulting in fertile soil that supports a rich diversity of plants and wildlife. Enjoy fall-blooming natives like solidago, asters and sedges while looking out for scarlet tanagers, Canada warblers and red-shouldered hawks. Prepare for this active hike with sturdy shoes and a water bottle!

### **Button Farm Living History Museum Tour**

**Saturday | September 28 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
**\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0159 300001**

**Meet at Button Farm Living History Center**

*Tony Cohen, founder and president, The Menare Foundation*  
Visit Maryland’s only hands-on history center depicting 19th century slave plantation life and the inspirational story of the Underground Railroad. Explore the daily operations of farm life in the 1850s through a variety of sensory experiences. Unearth the period when enslaved labor shaped the landscape and modern agricultural technology had not yet been developed.



## Garden Tours

Registration required

### Guided Bird Walk

**Sunday | September 15 | 9:00 – 10:30 am**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0133 300001**

OR

**Tuesday | September 17 | 9:00 – 10:30 am**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0133 300002**

**Meet at Visitor Center Entrance**

*Emily Williams, avian ecologist*

Did you know 168 bird species have been sighted at Brookside Gardens? Marvel at the fall migration and bring your binoculars to look for warblers, Baltimore orioles, orchard orioles, red-winged blackbirds and many more!

### Behind-the-Scenes Greenhouse Tour

**Wednesday | September 18 | 10:30 – 11:45 am**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0003 300001**

OR

**Friday | September 20 | 1:00 – 2:15 pm**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0003 300002**

**Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.**

*Nate Roehrich, Brookside Gardens staff*

Opened in 2018, the O'Rourke Greenhouse consists of four growing areas totaling 10,000 square feet under glass. Participants will take a closer look at the state-of-the-art technology that enables staff to grow a variety of beautiful plants year-round while getting a sneak peek at the fall chrysanthemums being grown for displays.

### Glory of Fall Garden Tour

**Tuesday | October 29 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0059 300001**

OR

**Thursday | October 31 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0059 300002**

**Meet at Visitor Center Entrance**

*Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens staff*

Discover a whole new garden brought on by the changing autumn season. This walking tour highlights the spectacular fall colors in the woody and herbaceous plant collections with a closer look at our staff's favorite fall blooming perennials like asters, coneflowers, sedums, and grasses.

### Chrysanthemum Tour

**Wednesday | October 30 | 11:00 am – 12:15 pm**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0060 300001**

**Conservatory**

*Raymond Carter, Brookside Gardens staff*

You'll enjoy this display inspired by the autumn harvest with foliage and fruits of amaranth, ornamental grasses, and peppers. In honor of the Chinese Year of the Dragon, we're growing a specialty dragon form out of an array of chrysanthemums to celebrate. It will be a brilliant crescendo to the colorful garden year!

### Brookside Gardens Winter Tour

**Thursday | January 23 | 1:00 – 2:30 pm**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0061 400001**

OR

**Friday | January 24 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**

**\$12 | FOBG \$10 | #PBG0061 400002**

**Meet at Visitor Center Entrance**

*Kristin Davey, Brookside Gardens staff*

Winter brings a different dimension to the gardens that is sometimes overlooked by visitors. Walk and talk with a garden expert to uncover the "bones of the garden" without the distraction of leaves or flowers. Explore the architectural elements that shape the gardens including woody plants, hardscape, and other components of design.

## Living Field Lab Series

Registration required

This series features tours of home gardens that serve as real-world case studies of landscape projects. Onsite discussions with homeowners and Brookside Gardens staff will offer applicable lessons in design and maintenance. Plant lists provided for each Field Lab.

### ◆ From Monoculture Lawn to A Diverse Landscape

**Saturday | September 14 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0142 300001**

**Darnestown, MD (address sent after registration)**

This two-acre garden teeming with perennials, more than 100 trees, and 6 small ponds offers lessons in converting a monoculture lawn into a diverse landscape. Discover strategies to edit your garden in response to the challenges

and opportunities that come from an evolving environment over time. Understand how site-specific factors in a part-sun/shade garden determine plant selections and maintenance approaches.

### ◆ Creative Garden Rooms & Hardscaping

**Wednesday | October 9 | 10:30 am – 12:30 pm**

**\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0142 300002**

**Washington Grove, MD (address sent after registration)**

This historic community offers an oasis of beautiful gardens amidst urban development. We'll discuss the challenges of transitioning a garden from shade to sun due to tree losses. Soil amendments, deer fencing and layering native and non-native plants will also be addressed. Learn practical strategies to define garden areas and increase access through pathways, hardscaping options, and garden rooms.

## Horticulture Classes

Registration required

### 📖 \* Native Alternatives to Overused Foundation Plants

**Thursday | September 26 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0156 300001**

*Elaine Mills, Virginia Cooperative Extension Master Gardener*

Review a variety of native trees, shrubs, vines, and perennials that offer alternatives to overused foundation plants. These can help frame a home and anchor the garden while also providing food and shelter for pollinators and birds. Attractive features, care requirements and ideas for landscape uses will be presented for each plant.

### 📖 \* Native Specialist Bees

**Thursday | October 10 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0157 300001**

*Heather Holm, biologist, pollinator conservationist and award-winning author*

The monarch butterfly is probably the most famous insect specialist feeding only on milkweed, but did you know that many native bees are also specialists? Studying these native plant-bee specializations and their overlapping



habitat requirements will help your garden support more pollinators. Threats such as habitat loss and climate change will also be covered.

### **V** ❖ **Dealing with Deer and Other Mammal Pests in Your Garden**

**Thursday | October 24 | 7:00 – 8:30 pm**  
**\$15 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0153 300001**

*Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener Magazine*

Bambi may be cute, but he would love to make a feast of your garden. Learn some proven and humane tactics to keep your edible and ornamental gardens safe from deer, rabbits, rats, squirrels, groundhogs and other warm-blooded creatures. Kathy will also touch upon design strategies and plant selections.

### **❖ Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning**

**Saturday | February 8 | 10:00 am – 12:30 pm**  
**\$25 | FOBG \$22 | #PBG0063 400001**

**Auditorium**

*Josh Demers, Brookside Gardens staff*

You'll discover how to keep your plants, trees, and shrubs healthier for longer. Gain invaluable advice on proper pruning cuts for a variety of trees and shrubs of various sizes to achieve structural corrections and rejuvenate old growth. A tour of the garden specimens will further enhance the concepts.

## **Hands-on Workshops**

**Registration required**

**All hands-on workshops will be held in-person at the Visitor Center.**

### **Botanical Tile Casting**

**Thursday | September 12 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**AND**

**Thursday | September 19 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**\$80 | FOBG \$72 | #PBG0093 300001**

**Adult Classroom**

*Sue Fierston, teaching artist and president of the International Nature Printing Society*

Capture the beauty of fall in a tile! Create botanical tiles with flowers, grasses, and leaves collected at home or select options while touring Brookside Gardens with the instructor. In the first session, you'll cast two 8 x 8-inch tiles. During the second session, you will

unmold your tiles and finish them by sanding, polishing and painting.

### **Crafting Wall Art with Natural Forest Elements**

**Saturday | October 19 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
**\$75 | FOBG \$67 | #PBG0152 300001**

**Adult Classroom**

*Daphne Lee and David Lanxner, owners of PotahtoHome*

Bring the beauty of nature into your home by creating a unique piece of moss wall art. Using moss, cork bark, preserved mushrooms and other natural materials, design your own masterpiece that requires no additional watering! You'll take home an 8 x 10-inch framed moss art creation. All materials are provided.

### **Mixed Winter Container**

**Wednesday | November 6 | 10:30 am – 11:30 am**

**\$75 | FOBG \$67 | #PBG0064 300001**

**Adult Classroom**

*Joan O'Rourke, Brookside Gardens volunteer*

Create a container garden with plants that can withstand winter's harshest conditions while providing you with a beautiful respite from the dull weather. Mix dwarf evergreens with a splash of vibrant violas for some late season color. Cost covers materials, including a 14-inch container (or bring your own favorite).

### **Takuga: Botanical Prints in Ink and Watercolor**

**Thursday | November 14 | 10:00 am – 1:00 pm**  
**\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0158 300001**

**Adult Classroom**

*Sue Fierston, teaching artist and president of the International Nature Printing Society*

Explore the Japanese art of Takuga, the intersection between printmaking and watercolor! Students will use special ink to hand-print leaves, flowers, or vegetables, and then paint with watercolor. Create artwork on a variety of printmaking papers, ready for framing or cards. Bring materials from your garden or select from options provided in class.

### **Festive Fresh Greens**

**\$55 | FOBG \$50**

**Adult Classroom**

*Joan O'Rourke, Brookside Gardens volunteer*



Make a long-lasting beautiful centerpiece or wreath using fresh greens! Learn to make an evergreen wreath for your front door, complete with a pinecone and bow accents. The centerpieces will include a candle and seasonal decorations. Fee includes all materials for one wreath or two centerpieces.

### **Festive Wreaths**

**Wednesday | December 4 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
#PBG0065 400001

OR

**Wednesday | December 4 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm**  
#PBG0065 400002

### **Festive Centerpieces**

**Thursday | December 5 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
#PBG0066 400001

OR

**Thursday | December 5 | 1:30 – 3:30 pm**  
#PBG0066 400002

### **Kokedama – The Art of Crafting Living Mossballs**

**Saturday | January 18 | 10:30 am – 12:00 pm**  
\$50 | FOBG \$45 | #PBG0162 400001

**Adult Classroom**

*Kathy Jentz, editor of Washington Gardener Magazine*

Originating in Japan, Kokedama are living plant and moss balls. Traditionally displayed on a surface, they also look magical bound with string and hanging. Like bonsai, they can live for years with proper care. Enjoy the unique process of creating your own living art. Each participant will take home two Kokedama.

### **❖ Introduction to Plant Propagation**

**Saturday | February 1 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
\$45 | FOBG \$40 | #PBG0016 400001

**Address and parking logistics will be sent after registration.**

*Nate Roehrich, Brookside Gardens staff*

Learn about plant propagation in our state-of-the-art greenhouse facilities. You'll discover how to produce your own houseplants inexpensively and easily from start to finish. We'll review the best techniques and plants to propagate from cuttings. Participants will take a few potted cuttings to grow at home.

## **Garden After Dark**

Looking for a special night out with friends or a loved one? Let Brookside Gardens take care of the details! Each fee covers the cost of one person.

### **Garden After Dark: Wild at Home with Hilton Carter**

**Wednesday | November 6 | 7:00 – 8:30pm**  
\$30 | FOBG \$26 | #PBG0154 300001

**Ages 12+**

**Auditorium**

*Hilton Carter, author, plant-stylist, designer, and social influencer*

Looking for ways to liven up your décor with tropical plants? Enjoy sipping botanical mocktails as Hilton offers tropical house plant care and propagation methods while sharing his wild journey in greenery. Books and houseplants will be available in the gift shop, and a book signing will follow the talk.

### **Garden After Dark: Holly Daze**

**Wednesday | December 11 | 6:30 – 8:30 pm**  
\$55 | FOBG \$50 | #PBG0068 400001

**Ages 21+**

**Adult Classroom**

*Brookside Gardens staff*

Take a leisurely stroll through our annual Garden of Lights display, then come inside for wine, cheese, and dessert. Create a festive holiday arrangement to commemorate your visit. Fee includes all refreshments, craft materials and admission to Garden of Lights for one person.

## **Health and Wellness**

**Registration required. No walk-ins accepted.**

### **Gentle Yoga**

**Thursdays | September 5 – February 27 |**  
**10:00 – 11:00 am**

**\$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0030**

**Location: Japanese Tea House (September – October) or Brookside Gardens Visitor Center (mid-October – February)**

*Sherry Weber*

This series of classes features foundational yoga poses that are designed to support better breathing, walking, and space orientation. Yoga movements help build muscle, bone density and core strength while improving

balance, posture, and flexibility. Mats are not included.

### **Guided Mindfulness Walks**

**\$28 | FOBG \$25 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Meet at South Terrace**

*Tania Lanning, Integrative Therapist*

Tania will lead a series of special walks focused on mindfulness in nature. Participants will receive a small blank journal and will want to be comfortable walking and sitting on grass. Sign up for one or all three!

### **Walk 1: Connections in Nature**

**Thursday | September 5 | #PBG0108 300001**

Join Tania for a guided Gude Garden walk focused on connections in nature. Through gentle movement, discussion, journaling, and meditation, you will explore what it means to connect with yourself, with others, and with the natural world.

### **Walk 2: Family Mindfulness and Nature**

**Sunday | September 8 | #PBG0168 300001**

**Ages: Suitable for all ages**

This guided, two-hour program is designed to foster a deeper connection with nature and among family members. Participants will engage their senses, practice enjoyable mindfulness and movement techniques, share in a creative activity while building lasting memories together. This walk also aims to educate participants on how mindfulness and nature can positively impact the nervous system, promoting relaxation and reducing stress through curiosity, awe, and outdoor play! Consider bringing water bottles and a small blanket or mat for sitting. One parent/caregiver must accompany child(ren) for the duration of event. Please register parent only; no fee for child.

### **Walk 3: Self-Care in Nature**

**Tuesday | September 17 | #PBG0109 300001**

Join Tania for a guided walk focused on self-care in nature. Among the fragrant blossoms, maple trees, and brightly colored flowers of the Formal Gardens, you will be invited to awaken your senses, notice your inner voice, and reflect on how you can bring awareness and compassion to your internal experience.



## Strolls for Well-Being

\$75

**Saturdays | September 7, October 5, November 2**

**10:00 – 11:30 am**

**#PBG0033 300001**

**Tuesdays | September 24, October 22, November 19**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**#PBG0033 300002**

**Wednesdays | September 25, October 23, November 20**

**11:00 am – 12:30 pm**

**#PBG0033 300003**

**Adult Classroom**

*Brookside Gardens Staff*

Strolls for Well-Being promotes emotional healing and wellness through nature. Over eight weeks, complete twelve garden walks individually and on your own schedule, guided by a beautiful journal with readings and writing prompts encouraging presence and reflection. Those struggling with difficulty, stress, or transition may particularly benefit. Dates are for group meetings where you will receive important materials and share insights with others. Further information: [BrooksideGardens.org/wellness](http://BrooksideGardens.org/wellness).

## Yoga

**Saturdays | September 7 – November 16 and January 4 – February 22 | 9:30 – 10:30 am**

**\$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0031**

**Location: Japanese Tea House (September – October) or Brookside Gardens Visitor Center (mid-October – February)**

*Tanory Ateek*

Designed to increase flexibility and physical strength and to cultivate mental focus, these classes are a beautiful and relaxing way to begin your weekend. Mats are not included.

## Tai Chi

**Wednesdays | September 11 – February 19**  
**9:00 – 10:15 am**

**\$14 | FOBG \$12 | #PBG0029**

**Japanese Tea House (September – October) or Brookside Gardens Visitor Center (mid-October – February)**

*Charles Votaw*

Tai Chi is an ancient, Chinese form of exercise perfect for adults seeking stress reduction while strengthening muscles, improving balance, and increasing flexibility. The Forms are repetitive patterns that emphasize slow, flowing motions and controlled movements. Classes will help beginners to learn the Forms while providing regular practitioners the guidance of an experienced instructor.

## Half-day Mindfulness Retreat

**Sunday | September 22 | 9:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**\$65 | FOBG \$59 | #PBG0018 300001**

**Meet at Visitor Center Entrance**

*Tanory Ateek*

Tanory will guide you through a half-day of stress relieving practices, including gentle yoga; walking and seated meditation; and the meditative way of the labyrinth. Whether you are new to meditation or a seasoned practitioner, this retreat will provide a chance to slow down, connect to nature in new ways and rekindle a deeper sense of peace and wonder in your life.

## Pranic Healing in Nature

**Saturday | October 5 | 9:30 – 11:30 am**

**\$35 | FOBG \$30 | #PBG0151 300001**

**Meet at Visitor Center Entrance**

*Charu Chundury, certified Pranic Healing Instructor*

Nature is teeming with life-force also known as prana. Learn how to recharge by harnessing this energy and helping release pain, stress, and anxiety. This self-healing experience combines breathwork, meditation and instruction of prana and chakra concepts. Program involves standing, sitting, and lying down. Please bring a blanket and dress for the outdoors.

## Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing

**Saturday | October 26 | 9:30 – 11:30 am**

**\$35 | FOBG \$30 | #PBG0022 300001**

**OR**

**Sunday | November 3 | 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**\$35 | FOBG \$30 | #PBG0022 300002**

**Meet at Visitor Center Entrance**

*Ana Ka'ahanui, certified Forest Therapy Guide*  
Connect with nature through a forest bathing walk among the beautiful fall colors. Stroll the grounds and neighboring forest at a measured pace that allows you to notice the small miracles of nature unfolding. We'll close the walk by enjoying hot tea and healthy snacks.

## New Year Retreat

**Sunday | January 5 | 9:30 am – 3:30 pm**

**\$95 | FOBG \$85 | #PBG0018 400001**

**Meet at Visitor Center Entrance**

*Tanory Ateek*

Bring in 2025 with peace and intention! Treat yourself to a day of yoga, meditation practices, and creative visioning for your new year. We'll use both indoor and outdoor garden spaces (weather permitting). Participants are welcome to bring their lunches and Brookside Gardens will provide an assortment of teas.



### Children's Day

**Saturday | September 21 | 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**  
**FREE | #PBG0077 300005**

Explore the science and art of gardening through child-driven art projects and engaging science activities. Groups will rotate through our outdoor activity stations designed to educate and entertain. Bring your friends, family, and picnics (only allowed during this special event). Registration is encouraged but not required.

### BOOtanica

**Sunday | October 27 | 3:00 – 5:00 pm**  
**\$15 | #PBG0165**

**Check in at Visitor Center Info Desk**

Celebrate the fall season and the spirit of Halloween with botanical-themed fun for the whole family. Dress in your favorite costume, trick-or-treat at the indoor activity stations, participate in arts-and-crafts projects, and conduct hands-on investigations to learn more about the spooky science of the fall season. Registration required for the participating child. One parent/caregiver must accompany child for the duration of event but does not need to register.

### Butterflies of Brookside

**Saturday | September 7 | 11:00 am – 12:00 pm**  
**\$7 | Ages 4 – 14 and accompanying adult | #PBG0127 300001**

**Check in at Visitor Center Info Desk**

As the summer winds down, monarchs, swallowtails, and other butterflies are busy in the gardens. Stop at the "hot spots" along the trail to identify different butterfly species, snap a few photos, and record observations in the nature journal provided. Children ages 4 – 14 must register and be accompanied by at least one caregiver for the duration of the program (two caregivers per child maximum). Dress for the weather.

### Yoga Sprouts!

**Saturdays | September 7 – October 26**  
**(No Class September 21)**

**10:00 – 10:45 am**

**\$7 | Ages 3 – 9 | #PBG0078**

**Meet at South Terrace**

Bring your little ones to this series of fun, garden-related yoga movement classes.

Physical exercise and mindfulness will awaken

your senses, boost your energy, and give you good garden vibes to start your day. Classes are outdoors and either moved indoors or canceled in cases of inclement weather. Bring your own mat or borrow one of ours. Adults must accompany children.

### Botanical Creatures and Cartoons

**Saturday | October 5 | 10:00 – 11:30 am**  
**\$10 | Ages 8 – 12 | #PBG0110 300002**

**Children's Classroom**

Imagine a world where plant adaptations give gardens special super-powers or unlock hidden talents! Expand your knowledge of botany and horticulture while activating your creativity and artistic skills. Thomas Crawley, Brookside Gardens horticulturist and cartoon enthusiast, leads this exploration of the science and art behind plant adaptations in the garden as you illustrate your own cartoon creatures adapted to extreme environments. Beginner scientists and beginner cartoonists welcome.

### Storytime in the Garden

**Select Saturdays & Sundays**

**10:00 – 10:45 am**

**\$5 | Ages 3 – 7 | #PBG0111**

**Outdoor Classroom – Oct. & Nov. dates**

**Meet in Visitor Center – Feb. dates**

Join us for an interactive story time followed by an outdoor exploration or activity for children ages 3-7. Adults must accompany children. Dress for the weather.

**Sunday | October 20 | #PBG0111 300001**

**Saturday | November 2 | #PBG0111 300002**

**Saturday | November 16 | #PBG0111 300003**

**Saturday | February 1 | #PBG0111 400001**

**Sunday | February 9 | #PBG0111 400002**

**Saturday | February 15 | #PBG0111 400003**

**Sunday | February 23 | #PBG0111 400004**

### Garden Explorers

**Select Sundays | Oct. 20 OR Nov. 10 OR Nov. 17**  
**11:00 – 12:00 pm**

**\$7 | Ages 8 – 10 | #PBG0126**

**Check in at Visitor Center Info Desk**

Take a garden walk with one of our instructors and explore botany, nature, and all the outdoors has to offer. Curiosity, seasonal changes, and botanical variety will guide the content of the day and the route we take through the gardens. Dress for the weather.

### Junior Gardeners

**Select Fridays | Oct. 25 OR Nov. 15 OR Nov. 22**  
**1:30 – 2:30 pm**

**\$7 | Ages 3 – 5 | #PBG0166**

**Outdoor Classroom**

Bring your Junior Gardener to this program for seasonal gardening activities, stories, crafts, and garden walks. Adults must accompany children. Dress for the weather.

### Botany Basics

**\$7 | Ages 9 – 12 | #PBG0164**

**11:00 am – 12:00 pm**

**Children's Classroom**

Brookside Gardens is the perfect case study for young scientists and biology enthusiasts. Join one of our expert instructors for a closer look at the science behind the plant communities and local ecosystems that keep the gardens thriving. Drop off your intrepid investigator for an hour of outdoor observations and hands-on botany. Dress for the weather.

**Saturday | October 19 | #PBG0164 300001**

**Saturday | October 26 | #PBG0164 300002**

### School's Outside for Teens

**\$45 | Ages 11 – 14 | #PBG0167**

**9:00 am – 3:30 pm**

**Children's Classroom**

A day off from school is the perfect time to go outside - join us for a full day of garden fun for youth ages 11-14. Each session will include a variety of activities including games, hands-on botany, arts and crafts, and garden walks. Bring a lunch and refillable water bottle.

Required forms will be emailed to guardians prior to program start date.

**Monday | November 4 | #PBG0167 300001**

**Tuesday | November 5 | #PBG0167 300002**

### Children's Garden

**Explore Maryland!**

Experience a unique, mini-Maryland in our Children's Garden. From the mountains to the ocean, Explore Maryland! is an opportunity for children to explore a beautiful garden, pretend among mountain boulders, play in an old farmhouse, cook in a kitchen, boat in the sea, and gain knowledge about Maryland's natural history, flora, and fauna. Search for and learn about the state's iconic symbols and what they represent while playing in the garden.

# PROGRAMS BY DATE

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9/15/2024	Guided Bird Walk**	PBG0133 300002	\$12	\$10	13
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9/28/2024	Button Farm Living History Museum Tour	PBG0159 300001	\$25	\$22	12
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10/26/2024	Shinrin-yoku: The Art of Forest Bathing**	PBG0022 300001	\$35	\$30	16
10/27/2024	BOOtanica	PBG0165 300001	\$15	\$15	17
10/29/2024	Glory of Fall Garden Tour**	PBG0059 300001	\$12	\$10	13
10/30/2024	Chrysanthemum Tour	PBG0060 300001	\$12	\$10	13
10/30/2024	Heaven is a Garden – Serenity by Design	PBG0155 300001	FREE	FREE	12
11/4/2024	School's Outside for Teens**	PBG0167 300001	\$45	\$45	17
11/6/2024	Mixed Winter Container	PBG0064 300001	\$75	\$67	14
11/6/2024	Garden After Dark: Wild at Home with Hilton Carter	PBG0154 300001	\$30	\$26	15
11/14/2024	Takuga: Botanical Prints in Ink and Watercolor	PBG0158 300001	\$55	\$50	14
11/17/2024	Fall Vendor Showcase	PBG0080 300002	FREE	FREE	10
12/4/2024	Festive Fresh Wreaths**	PBG0065 400001	\$55	\$50	15
12/5/2024	Festive Fresh Centerpieces**	PBG0066 400001	\$55	\$50	15
12/7/2024	The Plant Messiah: Adventures in Search of the World's Rarest Species	PBG0163 400001	FREE	FREE	12
12/11/2024	Garden After Dark: Holly Daze	PBG0068 400001	\$55	\$50	15
1/5/2025	New Year Retreat	PBG0018 400001	\$95	\$85	16
1/18/2025	Kokedama – The Art of Crafting Living Mossballs	PBG0162 400001	\$50	\$45	15
1/23/2025	Brookside Gardens Winter Tour**	PBG0061 400001	\$12	\$10	13
2/1/2025	Introduction to Plant Propagation	PBG0016 400001	\$45	\$40	15
2/5/2025	Soil: The Story of a Black Mother's Garden	PBG0161 400001	FREE	FREE	12
2/8/2025	Everything You Wanted to Know About Pruning	PBG0063 400001	\$25	\$22	14
2/14/2025	GreenScapes Symposium	PBG0057 400001	\$60	\$50***	10
2/22/2025	We Speak Weddings	PBG0081 400002	\$25	\$25	10

\* Program Meets Multiple Days \*\* Multiple Sessions Offered \*\*\* Early Bird Fee



**\* Required Info** **REGISTRATION FORM**

Check here if this is a new address, phone number or email address since your last registration. Please print or type. This form may be copied.

PARENT/GUARDIAN				
Last Name*	First Name*	Email*		
Address*		City*	State*	ZIP*
Home Phone *	Work Phone	Cell Phone	Birthday (mm/dd/yy)*	

EMERGENCY CONTACT For participants under 18		
Name	Relationship	Phone

Participant's Name (Last, First)	Birthday (mm/dd/yy)	Gender	Activity Name	Activity Number	Fees*
<b>Total Program Fees:</b>					

**To which race do you identify most?**

- Asian
- Black
- Caucasian
- Native American
- Pacific Island Alaskan
- Other

Are you Hispanic or Latino?  Yes  No

**PAYMENT OPTIONS\***

Total Programs Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Non-Resident/Other Fees \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Total Fees Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make checks payable to: ActiveMONTGOMERY. No cash payments.**

**Will you need an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) disability accommodation (trained support staff, sign language interpreters, companion, Braille/large print, adaptive equipment, assistive listening/auxiliary devices, and/or audio description?)**

Yes  No

**If YES, please see below:**

**ADA Requests for Montgomery Parks**

To request an accommodation for M-NCPPC, Montgomery Parks programs you must contact the Program Access Office at 301-495-2581 or email [ProgramAccess@montgomeryparks.org](mailto:ProgramAccess@montgomeryparks.org)

**IMPORTANT: Request should be made before the program begins.**

**\*SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED\***

Participant or Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

The participant assumes all risks associated with participation in the program; Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC does not assume any liability for injury or damages arising from participation in the program. Due to the strenuous nature of some activities, each participant is encouraged to consult his or her physician concerning fitness to participate in the program. The participant consents to emergency treatment. The participant also consents to Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC's use of the participant's image and likeness as shown in any photographs, videotapes, motion picture film, or electronic images, and any audio recordings made of the participant's voice in whatever way Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC desires, including television, print and Internet websites. Furthermore, the participant consents that such photographs, films, recordings, electronic images shall be the sole property of Montgomery Parks/M-NCPPC. If the participant is a minor, the parent of guardian approves his or her participation in the program. Neither the instructor nor any staff are responsible for children prior to or after scheduled program.

**Important Registration Information**

- You must open an ActiveMONTGOMERY account in order to register for any program.
- We regret that it is not possible to include babies or children in classes designed for adults, unless specified.
- All programs will run rain or shine, unless a rain date is listed; for cancellation information call **301-962-1451**.
- FOBG members should enter the discounted FOBG rate in the Fee column. For information about joining FOBG, call 301-962-1435 or check [brooksidegardens.org](http://brooksidegardens.org).
- Confirmation of your registration will be made by mail or email. If an event is filled to capacity, your check will be returned and your name placed on a waiting list. You will be contacted by phone if an opening occurs.
- Deadline for registration is 7 days prior to event date, unless otherwise stated. Participants will be enrolled in the order received.

**Refund Policy:** For details regarding the refund policy, please visit <https://MontgomeryParks.org/classes-camps/activity-withdrawals-and-refunds/>

***Check out our GreenScapes Symposium on page 10***

Brookside Gardens' Garden of Lights

Winter Walk-through Light Display

November 22 – January 5

(Closed Nov. 25–28, Dec. 24 & 25, Jan. 1)

Open daily from 5:00 – 9:00 pm

Visit [BrooksideGardens.org](http://BrooksideGardens.org) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Admission:

\$10 per person ages five and up.

All timed tickets sold in advance online ONLY. No tickets will be sold at the gate.

Buses by Advanced Registration Only

15–24 passenger bus/van/limo \$150

25–35 passenger bus \$250

36–57 passenger bus \$360

